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Homecoming marks the beginning of exciting season

By John Paul Herdzik, Jenifer Wallace

Friday, Oct. 27, at 12:00 noon the deadline for homecoming nominations will be final. The qualifications for the queen are: full time currently enrolled female student, must have completed 12 credits hours at Shelton State, and must have a 3.0 GPA. She must be at least 18 years old, single or married, and active in high school or college.



The homecoming queen court will be announced Monday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m. in the atrium. Five finalist will be selected by

the vote of the student body. The voting will take place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 6-8, in the atrium and in the Main Office on the Fredd Campus.

The homecoming queen will be crowned Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Shelton State basketball game against Gadsden State Community College.

Nov. 7, at 12:00 noon a luncheon will be held to honor our retirees, this will be held in the “D” rooms.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, the Shelton State cheerleader will hold a pep rally at 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. behind the atrium. There will be a Pepsi wagon and the SGA will sell hot dogs, chips, and Pepsi. All of the sports teams will be introduced and student organization such as: SGA, Circle K, Phi Theta Kappa, AAA, and BSU will be involved in a spirit competition. The winning group receives a pizza party. There will be a live remote by a local radio station.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, the women and the men Buccaneers will take on Gadsden

State Community College. The Alumni Association will sell hamburgers and hotdogs out of the concession stand.

The 2000-01 Shelton men’s basketball hit a minor snag in the preseason, but things seem to be running smoothly now.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, Coach Barry Mohun was involved in a car accident. While traveling on highway 82 another vehicle turned directly in front of Mohun causing him to run off the road. Fortunately Mohun survived the wreck with a few scratches and some soreness. “Luckily, I wasn’t seriously injured, thank the good Lord,” Mohun said. He only missed one day and was back at practice on Thursday.

If the preseason is any indication, this is going to be an exciting season. This year’s team has 13 freshmen and four sophomores. Mohun feels that last year’s team was a little more experienced, but this year’s team will be very competitive against other teams in the league. “The team will get better with every game as the season goes on,” says Mohun.

This year’s team is exceptionally deep with 17 players. The 2000-2001 Buccaneers are looking to wear down other teams with their depth and conditioning. The team has been practicing daily with weight training on Tuesday and Thursday.



Susan Mohun, coordinator of athletics and wife of Coach Mohun, helps with the team. Mrs. Mohun says that “the players are finding their individual roles and practicing very hard.”

Homecoming is a big event at Shelton State, culminating with the men’s and women’s basketball games. Last year’s games drew a very large attendance. This year the school is hoping for an even higher turnout.

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Sandra Ray talks about her service to education in Alabama

You might have seen her campaign ads on television, or overheard someone speaking her name, but do you know who Sandra Ray is?

Ray is one of eight state board of education members who govern the school districts in the state.

The board determines funding, the calendar year, and new programs for grades K-12 and for the state junior college system.

Ray is the representative on the board for Northwest-Shoals, Beville State and Shelton State community colleges.

Ray also runs a real estate company, Hall-Ray Realty, that she started with her husband and father 12 years ago.

Ray, a Democrat, is running for re-election to the state board of education. Her opponent, Pat Ellis of Jasper, is running as a

Republican.

Ray’s first term in 1994 was for two years. It has now been changed to a four year position. A judge decided two years ago that the board needed to go back to staggered terms.

We asked Ray a few questions about her upcoming re-election campaign, her experiences, and her plans for the future of education in our state.

Courier: How much



Sandra Ray

time do you spend on your board work and how does it affect your career in real estate?

Ray: We meet in Montgomery at least two full days a month. Our board meetings start at nine thirty and our sessions end around three thirty. A lot of my time doing board work is spent on the phone or checking e-mail.

Courier: How many terms have you served on the board?

Ray: One two-year and one four-year term so far.

Courier: We know you get a small financial stipend from the state, how else do you support your work with the board?

Ray: Well, any expenses besides travel has to come out of my real estate office, which has pretty much supported me through the years.

Courier: What is your motivation for being involved in education?

Ray: Well, my seven grand children have me concerned about the quality of education. I will have one starting elementary school

every year for the next six years!

Courier: Besides the selection of Rick Rogers as president, what recent developments concerning Shelton have you seen?

Ray: Well, the increase in senior citizens interest in continuing education has been a real surprise. They are definitely concerned with the availability of adult education classes.

Courier: What are the biggest challenges facing Shelton in the new millennium?

Ray: Internet technology will allow us to educate people in a smarter and more efficient way. We will be able to promote distance learning without a great increase in funding, which is not likely to happen soon. Keeping our teaching tools up to date is one of the biggest concerns.

Courier: Who has been an influence on you during your tenure as a board member?

Ray: The presidents of the junior colleges have certainly enlightened me. My daughter Michelle who teaches the third grade and my brother Jimmy who just retired from Bessemer Tech have also been great influences on me.

Courier: How did you first get involved in

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Opinion

Freshmen ask, when is the time to party?

By Blake Kelley

Being a freshman in college may be the toughest or most fun age to be. A student is finally free and there are parties all the time, but jobs, extra-curricular activities, and some how finding time to study makes your first year of college tough.

Many freshman drop several courses in their first semester due to more partying than studying. Candace Black, a student here at Shelton State said, "If I had to choose between going to a party on Saturday or studying, I will usually go to the party."

Some students not only shuffle studying and partying, but many play a sport, such as Jennifer Conat. She is a freshman here that plays on the softball team. Jennifer said, "With practice everyday and studying every night, it is hard to party all the time and expect to make good grades."

According to Earnie Aultman, a psychology professor at Texas Tech University for 23 years, managing your time with partying and studying has to do with the student. Professor Aultman said, "I feel if a student goes into college wanting to get finished he or she will put partying second and get through with

school. If a student wants to get the full college experience by partying a lot it usually takes them one to two years to get their mind on school work and less on partying," Dr. Aultman said, "It doesn't take 23 years of teaching psychology to figure this out. I know from own freshman year that it is just common sense."

It may be tough, but a student who wants to get through with college has to figure out a plan. First, get in a routine that gets your studying over with. Then with the time you have left do all the partying you want.

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the education system?

Ray: Well, my degree in education and the enjoyment I get from being involved in community service. I also served on the Tuscaloosa County Board of education several years back. A large part of my family has been active in education and I think that has had an effect on

me.

Courier: What tasks as a board member do you dislike the most?

Ray: I do not particularly like talking to narrow-minded people. I do not enjoy having to fight for funding that we probably will not get.

Actually there is not too much about the job that I do not enjoy, since even the bad parts of

the job are necessary.

Courier: If a student had a question or problem with Shelton, would there ever be a procedure for coming to you with it?

Ray: Yes, If the president or faculty could not help, I can be e-mailed at SRAY@DBTECH.NET. I am always ready to listen to anyone who is concerned about education.

Off the Shelf . . .

Have you tried reading lately to fill your leisure time? Well, Glen Johnson has given us more new books that are on the shelf.

Mary Higgins Clark's new book *Before I Say Goodbye* starts off with a bang that's tinged with guilt for Nell McDermott when her husband's cabin cruiser blows up in New York Harbor sending the husband and several of his cronies off into the Great Beyond only hours after the quarrelsome Nell had told him not to come home.

And for all you Russo-philos, it just doesn't get any better than *The Rasputin File* by Edward Radzinsky. Imperial Russian police work at its finest and goofiest with lots of photos thrown in for good measure. Truth is always stranger than fiction and bizarre non-fiction will win out every time.

With at least a dozen novels under her belt, Alice Hoffman, in *The River King*, now turns her talents on the town of Haddan, Mass. where an inexplicable death forces residents to come to grips with their intricately divided past. Reviewers have called this "a wondrous tale of innocence and evil, and of the secrets we keep."

Religion—*The Holy Bible*, by Philip Yancey; *Noah's Flood*, by William B.F. Ryan; *Blood and Fire*, by Roy Hattersley.

History—*Thermopylae*, by Ernie Bradford; *The Italian Renaissance*, J.H. Plumb; *Fortune is a River*, by Roger D. Masters; *The Rasputin File*, by Edward Radzinsky; *The Romanovs*, by Robert K. Massie.

Literature—*Uncle Tom's Cabin*, by Harriet Stowe; *The Better Angel*, Roy Morris; *Alabama Bound*, by Wilson Rawls.

Future Issues

This is the fourth Courier of this school year. We will publish two issues in November, February, March and April. One each is scheduled for December, January, May, June and July. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. 1

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Jupiter & Saturn are back!

The two largest planets of our solar system— number one, Jupiter and number two, Saturn—are back in the evening sky! These two extremely bright planets due to their size make for quite a magnificent sight coming up in the eastern sky about two hours after sunset!

They are easy to locate by simply looking east anytime after 9 p.m. for two very bright objects that do not twinkle. Stars are very far away, give off their own light, and twinkle; the other planets of our solar system are close to Earth, only reflect light, and do not twinkle; therefore, if an object does not twinkle, then likely you have located a planet.

When you locate the two planets, Saturn is the first and behind it is the brighter Jupiter, since Jupiter is larger.

Jupiter and Saturn travel on the ecliptic as all planets do and

will be located in one of the twelve constellations that the ecliptic runs through. Both Jupiter and Saturn are located in Taurus the bull; Taurus is made of stars in the shape of a large "V" that named Aldebaran that represents the bull's head. The brightest star of this constellation is reddish in color and is considered to be the red eye of the bull!

Aldebaran is easily found by looking just below Jupiter for a bright, reddish twinkling object. Another interesting object, an open star cluster, also found in Taurus can be located by looking above Saturn for a small grouping of seven stars. This open star cluster is officially called the Pleiades, but you will likely know it by the more common name, the "Seven Sisters."

Both Jupiter and Saturn are classified as gas giant planets and are primarily made of the element hydrogen. They both have in the high teens of moons and the four

largest moons of Jupiter can be seen with a good pair of binoculars! These moons were first observed by Galileo and are called the Galilean moons in his honor. By using a small telescope, one can observe the beautiful rings of Saturn.

The ancients named Jupiter and Saturn for their gods. Jupiter being the largest planets was named for the king of the Roman gods, and planets symbol represents a lightning bolt that Jupiter always carried with him! Saturn was named for the Roman god of agriculture and time, and its symbol represents a sickle that was used for cutting crops in ancient times.

Keep looking up and commune with the ancients by observing the beautiful site of our solar system's two largest planets—Jupiter and Saturn!

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Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student expression and all students are

urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

It began with a glimpse from a church window

New President Rick Rogers talks about his destiny

By Thomas Owens

"I told the committee if they selected me that they would not just be getting me as a president, but they would be receiving a presidential family totally committed to this college and community," Dr. Rick Rogers said about his selection to replace Dr. Tom Umphrey as president of Shelton State Community College in September. "Having been born and raised in West Alabama provides me a special motivation to see that our community benefits offered by Shelton State," Rogers said.

Rogers is very proud of the fact that he grew up in Fosters in southwest Tuscaloosa County. He was the son of a Baptist minister, Jimmy Rogers, and Ruth Rogers. He has one brother, Randy, who owns a car dealership in Tuscaloosa. He also has a sister, Renee, who works in the Tuscaloosa County School System. His wife is the former Carolyn Yourick. Rogers said, "My wife is the perfect wife for a president. She is supportive and understanding of the long hours. She also serves as a balance for me when I get too full of myself."

Rogers has one daughter, Laura, 12, who Rogers says is, "The apple of my eye." Laura attends Hillcrest Middle, and is a graduate of Kiddie College at Shelton. She also takes ballet classes with Louise Crofton at the college. "She is very mature for her age. She already understands that she has a role to play for the college, and she fulfills that role with great poise."

He also has a son, Bryant, 9, who Rogers describes as the biggest advocate that Shelton State has. "Bryant thinks the college is his," Rogers says with a broad grin. "That's why he is always on the bench at baseball and basketball games. All he has ever known is Shelton. He walked the grounds with me many times even before the campus was built."

When Rogers was 16, his father died at age 43. Rogers said, "My family struggled emotionally and financially; however, a positive came from this experience. Community members helped my family out during this crisis and as a result it has always been my goal to help others when-

ever possible."

Rogers attended the Tuscaloosa County school system and claims he can name every teacher he ever had, because every one made a significant difference in his life. This, he speculates, is probably why he chose a career in education.

Rogers then went on to the University of Alabama where he

his chosen field: higher education.

This background in fund-raising would prove crucial after he moved over to Shelton State in 1990, but first he worked through the ranks. He began as Title III coordinator, leading a college team to develop such needed programs as tutorial and instructional labs from a \$2 million federal grant. Rogers also

nity to become a fund raiser at the University of Alabama was a lucky break. I was at the right place at the right time." He worked for John L. Blackburn at the University of Alabama. He said, "I was very fortunate to get to work for Dr. Blackburn. He helped me understand the importance of properly motivating employees. He was

philosophy. Rogers said, "I feel that people must enjoy their jobs. They spend more time here with each other than with their families. This means that the environment should be very comfortable. I am demanding, but a fair person who will reward employees for good performances."

Rogers is also an avid supporter of Shelton State athletics. "I feel that athletics are here to support academics as well as providing opportunities for participants and other students to make this college better," said Rogers.

His long-term goal for this school is to become one of the top 25 community colleges in the country. "My personal vision and philosophy is that we were all put here to make a difference in someone else's life." He thinks that a community college is the perfect place to do this because "the college's role is to have a positive impact on the community and the lives of its citizens."

Rogers's father was once the minister at Inglewood Baptist church, which is across the way from the current Shelton State campus. Rick Rogers says he used to stare out the window and look across the big open field to the very area that has become the new Shelton State. "Never in all of my daydreams could I have ever imagined that one of the top community colleges in the South would stand here. Even more amazing is that I would become the president of the college."

"Sandra Ray and Dr. Gainous could have hired anyone. They could have hired someone smarter or with more experience," said Rogers, "but they could not have hired anybody that is more excited about being here and happier to represent Shelton State than I."

Themes of friendliness, loyalty and hard-work are hit upon by anyone you might ask who knows Rick Rogers. Dean of Student Humphrey Lee has become good friends with Rogers during the 10 years they have worked together. "I feel he is one of my best friends, but I know there are many others who feel the same way," said Lee. "He is that kind of down-to-earth person."



Life's Images. Some of the people who share life with President Rogers are captured in this collage, including former president Tom Umphrey during a political rally, son Bryant and daughter Laura, giving the thumb's up sign with Humphrey Lee and Tim Shuman, and stopping for a chat with John L. and Gloria Blackburn

majoring in communication and business. While in college at Bama during some of their glory football years in the late '70s, he intensified his life-long admiration for the Crimson Tide. His son is one of thousands named after UA's legendary football coach. He graduated from UA in December, 1980.

While at UA he served as a work-study student in the Financial Aid office. Upon graduation, he decided to try college administration for a career. He went on to the University of South Alabama where he received his masters in counselor education in 1985. While there he worked as financial aid processing coordinator and then as assistant director of financial aid.

Rogers went in 1984 to Bessemer State Technical College and served as director of financial aid for four and half years.

In 1987, Rogers came back to Tuscaloosa and the UA. He took a job as the assistant director of development, a fund-raising position. Rogers said he felt a background in this area would be important if he were to reach as high as he could in

started Shelton's first personnel office.

He started his doctorate in higher education while at Shelton State, earning his Ed.D. from UA in behavioral studies in May of 1996.

In 1992, Rogers was named the assistant to the president, Dr. Umphrey. While serving in that capacity he worked successfully on many projects, especially crucial fund-raising ones. He set up the office of development that has raised about \$6 million since 1994.

After creatively and diligently accomplishing many goals in special public relations activities, institutional research and others, Rogers was put into charge of the biggest project he is likely to ever oversee, the building of a new campus for Shelton State. He worked with faculty, staff, engineers and architects in planning and designing the 170-acre \$47 million project.

The success of that historic project no doubt helped lead Rogers to September, 2000 and the college presidency. He attributes all of his success to a good work ethic and a little luck. He said, "The opportu-

great at setting goals for his employees and building on the expectation that you had to do them right."

Rogers said he also learned much under Dr. Umphrey. "Dr. Umphrey was tough but fair," Rogers said. "Dr. Umphrey was the type that no one ever wanted to disappoint. This was the motivation for Dr. Umphrey's staff, pleasing him."

Rogers also said he learned a lot while working with the chancellor of the Alabama junior college system, Dr. Fred Gainous. "I learned while working with Dr. Gainous a different aspect of leadership. He offers a compassionate side and really develops relationships, which I, too, feel is very important. Our college is also very fortunate to have a leader like Sandra H. Ray as our State Board Representative. She sincerely cares about the quality of education in our area and has always been a tremendous supporter."

The new Shelton president has already established some changes in the college routine that go along with his leadership phi-

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Students to present "An Evening of Musical Theatre" on Oct. 26

On October 26, The Shelton Singers will provide performance in class as they present "An Evening of Musical Theatre."

The show is all music with a twist of acting. Director of the show, Glinda Blackshear, refers to the show as a musical revue, which will give the singers a chance to express song in acting through emotional performances.

The program includes a number of tunes from shows such as *Carousel* medley (Rodgers and Hammerstein), *Pirates of Penzance* (Gilbert and Sullivan), a *Les Miserables* medley, and several solos from Mozart to Lloyd Weber.

Soloists in the show are Cecily Moss, Gretchen McGinnis, Melanie McDaniel, Peter Fowler, Mary Kathryn Perkins, Chris Miller, Jennifer Huggins, Lori Shelton, Zach Hill, Tyler Jolly, Alexis Wilkinson, Jonathan King, and Allison Wilkes.

Soloist, Gretchen McGinnis, shows promise to captivate her audience as she plays the part of a 14-year-old Italian boy. Her solo will be from Mozart and she will deliver the song in Italian. McGinnis is a music major and has future plans to use this solo as part of her scholarship tryouts.

Along with director,

Glinda Blackshear, the show is put together by assistant director, Dr. Mark Brown. Syble Coats and Nicky Wilson are accompanists. Staging is Michael Carr. There are no sets, but creativeness will be shown through costumes and performances.

The musical will be in the Bean-Brown Theatre at 7:30 p.m.. Admission is free. Mrs. Blackshear said, "the show will give her music students a chance to experience Theatre and perform solos. The singers usually do a show with the drama department, but was unable to do so this year." "An Evening of Musical Theater" is expected to be one of the most entertaining shows this year.

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The Cinemaniac

Should joining a fraternity cost you, your life or the life of your best friend? Well it almost did in the case of Joshua Jackson in the new release video *The Skulls*.

Jackson portrays Luke McNamara, a pre-law student at a prestigious University, in New Haven.

The movie *Skulls* shows the deep secrets of a society that picks and chooses who they want to become a member of their club, *Skulls*. Most of the group consist of wealthy and high society kids at the university. The *Skulls* were formed many years ago.

Luke was a struggling student who constantly worried over how he would pay his high cost tuition fees for law school.

Luke was from a small town and had to work to put himself through college. He came to admire this organization on campus. Luke's best friend, Will, (Hill Harper) didn't like the idea of Luke joining the *Skulls*. Will sees the danger. He tries to talk Luke out of joining, but Luke knows that be-

longing to such an organization would possibly help him in status and possibly with the cost of his tuition. He joins and life starts to look good for him.

Later, Luke discovers that something has happened, after the supposed suicide of his best friend. Luke puts two and two together and links the skulls to the possibility of Will's murder.

The drama and the thrill of this movie will keep you on the edge of your sofa.

This is a should-see movie for college students. The moral of this story is to remind young people of the danger of peer pressure and how sometimes things may appear to look good, but maybe they're misleading. The movie attempts to raise the consciousness of the viewers in understanding the way power is established.

—By Danyelle Hunter

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Scholar's bowl team snags third

The Shelton State Scholar's Bowl team finished third out of 15 teams in the annual Shelton State Scholar's Bowl tournament Oct. 20 and 21 with a record of 12-4. Meridian Community College of Meridian, Miss. won the tournament with a 16-1 record.

Scholar's Bowl is a team quiz competition where teams of four play against each other in a toss-up and bonus question and answer format. In a tournament, each

round consists of 20 toss-up questions worth ten points each and up to 20 bonus questions worth up to 30 points each. Every team plays every other team in a round robin format and the top four teams by record at the end of the round robin play each other in a single elimination playoff for the championship.

"The team played well," former two time all-state competitor Tom Canterbury said. "This team has a good shot at continuing

the great Shelton State Scholar's Bowl tradition." In the past two years, the team has finished fifth and third in the nation, respectively.

"I'm very proud of the way the team played," coach Diane Layton said. "I have high hopes for the upcoming state and national competitions."

The team consists of Jarod Lane (captain), Paul Pedram, John Hays, Chris Oswald, Chris Bunn, Tesh Diggins and John Dickey.

Taco Casa set to open Nov. 1

With rapid growth in our community, more business and fast food restaurants are making their way into the Taylorville area. The newest member is one of the most well-known fast food restaurants in Tuscaloosa, Taco Casa. Taco Casa is a fast-food Mexican restaurant that is locally owned and operated. With stores in Northport and Tuscaloosa, Taco Casa seems to appeal to most high school and college students.

The new store will be located on Hwy. 69 down from Valley View Baptist Church. The planned opening date for the new store is Nov. 1.

Taco Casa currently has two stores in Northport and two in Tuscaloosa and one in the University Mall. If you need a

job, Taco Casa is currently taking applications for there new store. You can put in an application at any one of Taco Casa stores, or call Rod Wilkins at 752-0990.

The students on both University and Shelton State campuses are excited about the new store. Cara Oliver, a student at the University, who lives in Taylorville community said, "I'm glad it's finally here. Their food is fresh, and I love the taste." Asked about the location of the new store, Shelton student Eric Revord said, "It's real convenient to go eat between classes and not have to drive all the way into town." Many of the Shelton State students agree.

Taco Casa is waiting to see how much traffic the store will receive before setting their hours.

International Friends invites public to meetings

Tuscaloosa's International Friends (TIF) invites you to participate in an organization designed to promote intercultural understanding by fostering interaction between local residents and foreign students.

A coffee hour is held each Friday at Comer Hall on the University of Alabama campus from 11:30-1:00. Other

annual events include a Christmas reception, pot luck dinner, and picnic.

In addition, applications will soon be available for a Shelton Scholarship.

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Senior citizens love Shelton State's continuing ed courses

From computers and spread sheets to flower arranging and financial planning, non credit courses at Shelton State are enticing more and more senior adults in the west Alabama area back to school.

At present over 300 senior citizens are taking courses at Shelton State, and most of the classes are non-credit. However, 25 seniors are auditing credit classes through a scholarship program for people 60 years of age and older offered by the state. This program allows seniors to register for any of the credit courses offered through the college for only \$4 per semester hour. Certain restrictions do apply. A senior can only take each course one time and can only be placed in a course after 15 traditional students have enrolled.

It is Shelton's non credit classes that are appealing to most of the senior citizens. This fall, 172 senior adults are enrolled in non-credit classes at the college. Over 90 of these students are taking classes through the Wellness Center. Two slimnastics classes are offered during the morning along with a weight training class at noon. In the afternoon a

personal fitness class is offered followed by the super circuit class for seniors in the evening.

The remainder of the senior adults enrolled in Shelton's classes are members of the Lifetime Learning Institute. In 1999-2000 approximately 200 people were members of the institute. The Lifetime Learning Institute is open to anyone 55 years of age and older who is interested in continued learning. For an annual membership fee of \$10 plus \$35 per semester, these individuals may take all of the courses offered in the Life Time Learning are. Larry Mund is president of the Lifetime Learning Institute Board of Directors.

This fall 21 classes are being taught at Shelton through the institute. Instructors teach on a voluntary basis. Computer classes are some of the most popular courses along with photography, memory recall, and gardening.

According to Shelton President Rick Rogers, the college is excited about this program and its future. "The courses offered through the Lifetime Learning Institute continue to grow each semester," Rogers says, "and are a reflection of the interest shown by our community and the leadership of Larry Mund and the advisory council."

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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Soccer surges toward national playoffs

By Thomas Canterbury

With only one game left on its regular season schedule, the Shelton State women's soccer team stands poised to make its first run at the national championship.

The Lady Bucs have gone a stellar 4-1-1 in their last six games, giving them a overall record of 11-5-2, easily their best in four years of existence.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, Shelton played Gordon College of Barnesville, Ga. to a 2-2 draw on the road. "It's a good outcome to tie a team like Gordon on the road," volunteer coach Arthur Howington said.

After the cancellation of a game against Trevecca-Nazarene, Shelton ended a long road stint with a convincing win over Truett-McConnell in Cleve-

land, Tenn. "This was our best game of the year, so far," Howington said.

Shelton returned home on Thursday, Oct. 12 to overwhelm Perimeter College of Atlanta by a score of 9-0. Perimeter played a man down due to suspensions and defections stemming from the Sept. 20 game when Perimeter player Tschana Wade punched Shelton player Lauren Moore, breaking two bones in her face and ending her playing career.

"This game gave us a chance to play a lot of people and still maintain our level of play," Barnes said.

Shelton then returned to the road, shutting out Andrew College in Cuthbert, Ga. 5-0.

On Monday, Oct. 16, Shelton played its final home game of the year, winning a hard fought match against Pearl River Com-

munity College (7-2-0) of Poplarville, Miss. 2-1. "This was a great way to end the home season," Barnes said. "We won because we wanted it more, and that's great to see."

The Lady Bucs began their final two games on the road by playing Hinds Community College in Raymond, Miss. The team lost a hard fought game by a score of 2-0.

Shelton will finish up its regular season Thursday, Oct. 26, against Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss.

Shelton's trip to the national championships is pending. The coaching staff and players are waiting to hear about the time and the place for the championships.

Arthur Howington said they are waiting to hear and will tell the *Courier* just as soon as they know.



Ready for homecoming and the upcoming season are the Shelton State cheerleaders. From left to right, Front row: Leah Kirkland, Michelle Hamner, Roxanne Rickels, Haley Miles, Stephanie Livingston, Amy Shaw. Back row: Hannah Golden, Camille McKissick, Meredith Booth, Lynn Cain, Jenn Hood, Ashley Booth, and Tara Leonard.

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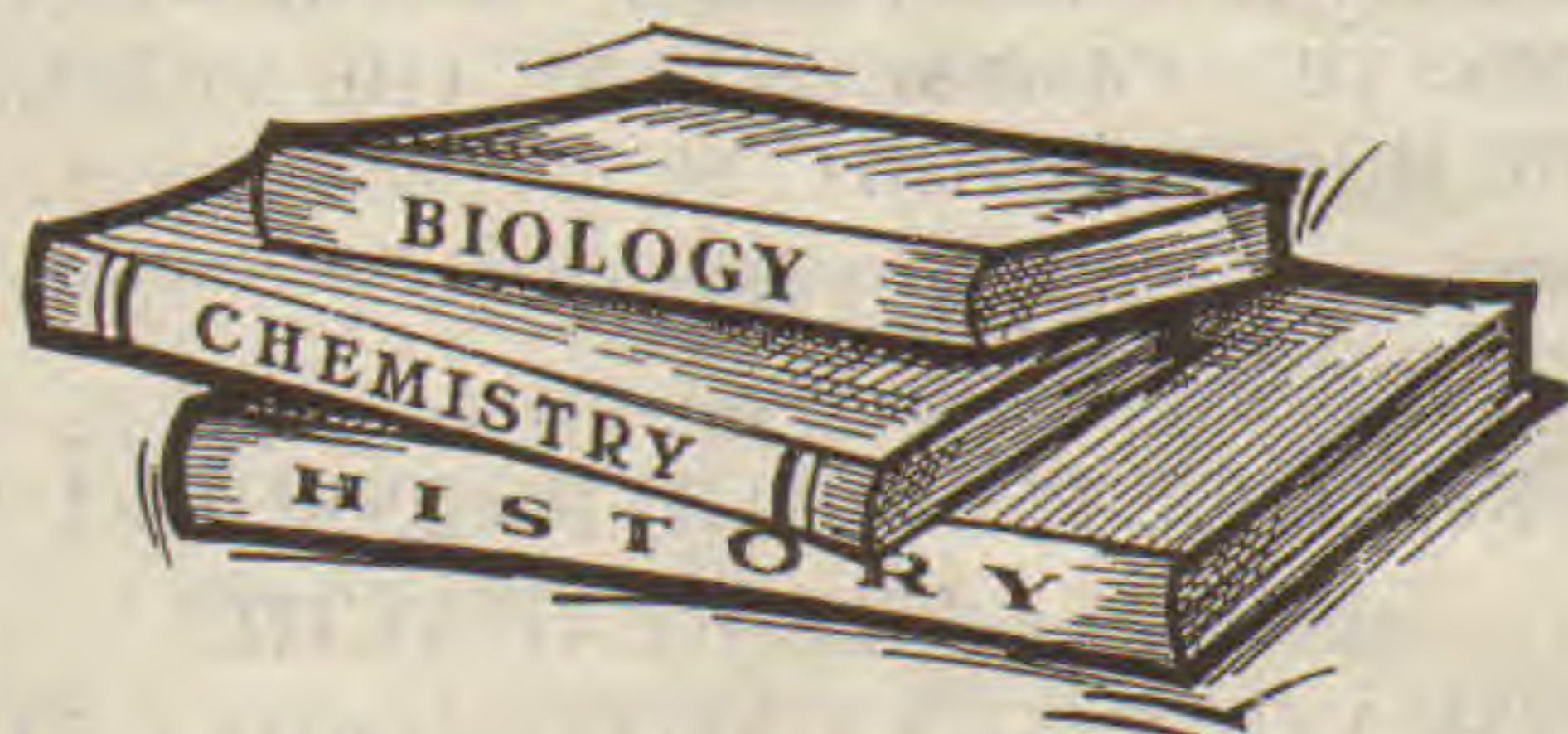
"The main goal of Shelton State is to find out what appeals to the community college students," said Mrs. Mohun. "For example, whether there should be more weekend games. Student input will be greatly appreciated."

To spark interest in the basketball program there will be a free-

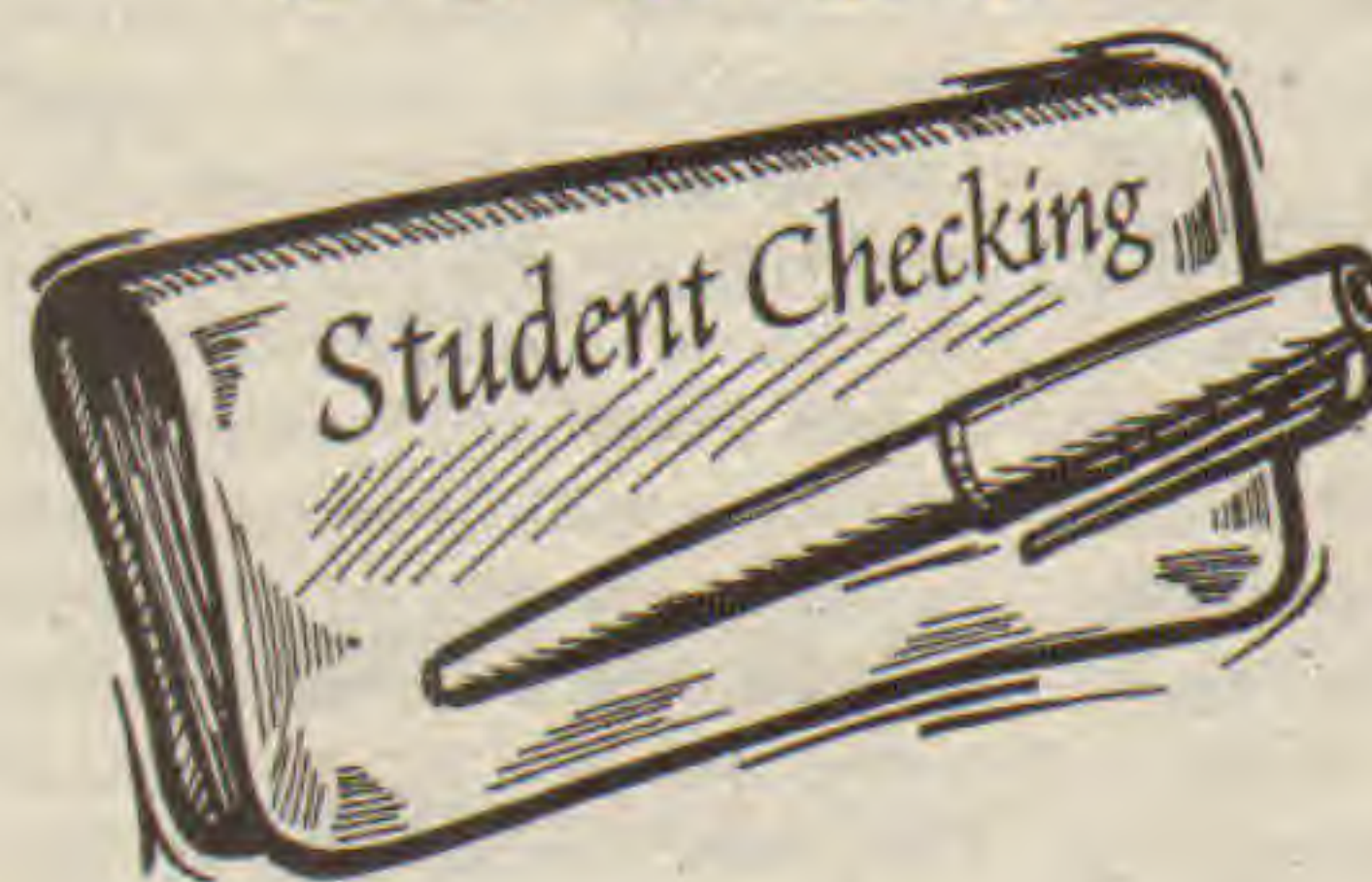
throw contest for the 2000-2001 season. A student will be chosen at every game to shoot a free-throw. The overall winner will compete against Dr. Rogers, president of Shelton State, for a semester's free tuition. This contest should attract fans to home games.

The first game of the season will be Nov. 6 against MMI at Shelton.

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If you are interested in Bible studies and a chance to fellowship with students who share your same interests, Baptist Campus Ministries is the place for you.

Baptist Campus Ministries are looking for college students to hold council positions for the upcoming year. If there is an interest in this, come to a meeting and learn more about it.

Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in front of the meeting rooms in the food court area.

Club News



Circle K is an organization that was founded in 1940. There is over 500 clubs and at least 15,000 meetings.

Their three main concerns are community service, leadership, and also fellowship.

One weekend out of each month they take trips to other schools. This is where they meet with other clubs and officers.

Circle K is an extremely busy club. They are raffling two movie tickets, dinner for two, and gas money at 11 a.m. on Oct. 31. The tickets will cost \$1 for one and \$3 for five.

PTK

Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary society for two-year colleges. The qualifications needed include a GPA of 3.5 or better in a total of at least 12 semester hours.

Each semester a list is printed to inform new students that they are now qualified for PTK.

The topic of the year is water. PTK is hoping to present a play to an elementary school.

The president of PTK is Lauren Moore and the sponsor of PTK is Tracey Branch.

SGA

This year's presidents for SGA are Tiffany Pate and Yovanda Woods.

SGA is sponsoring a hot dog sale at the pep rally. They are also sponsoring a bungee run at the pep-rally. The tickets will cost fifty cents.

Any other club wishing its news in the paper should contact the Courier at 391-2406.

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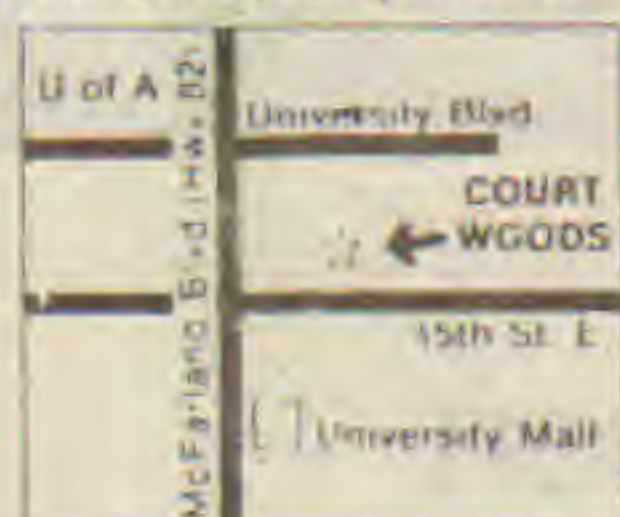


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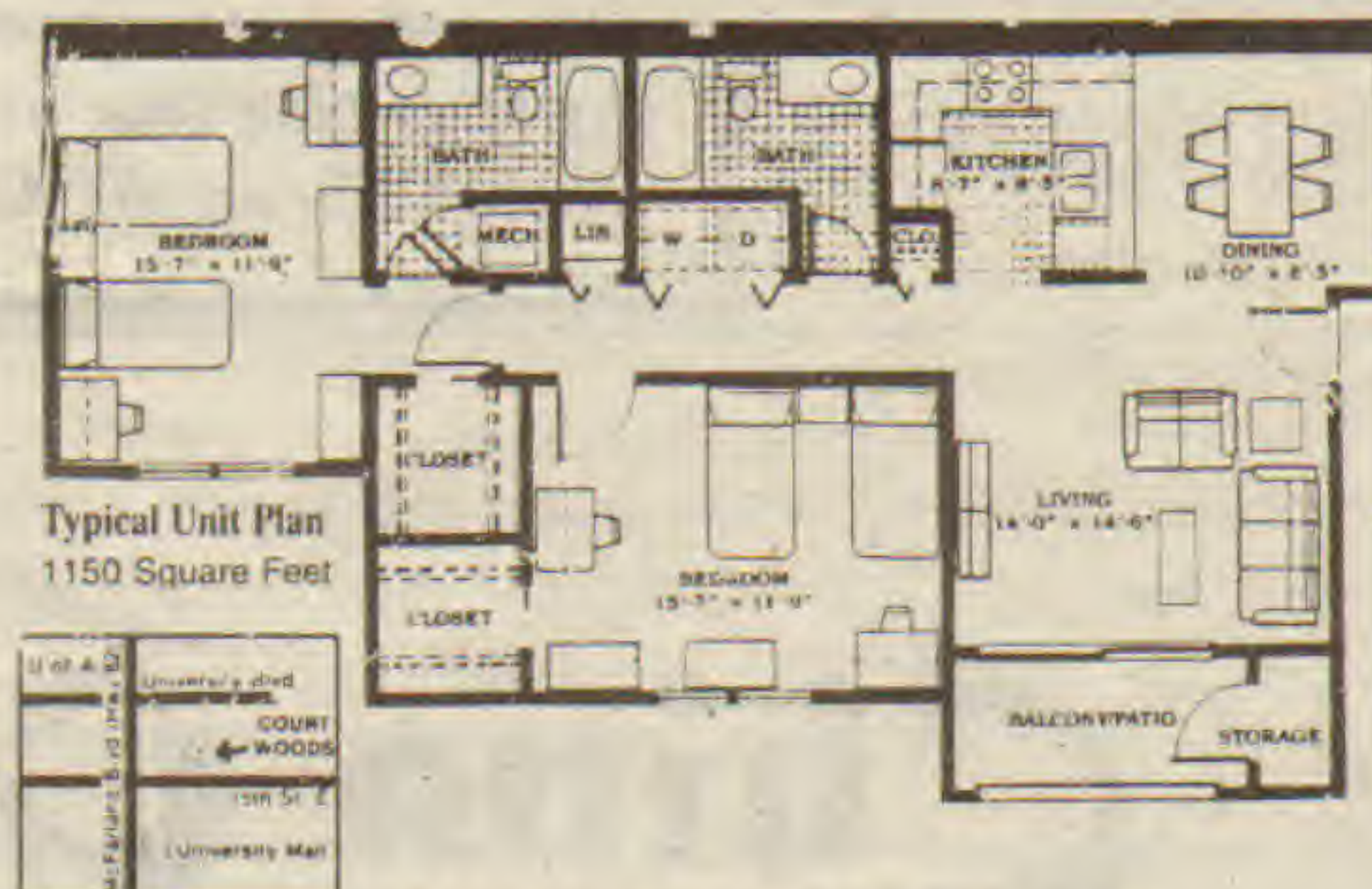
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